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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/765,240
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Applicant: Randall M. Marich
Group Art Unit: 3682
Examiner: Vicky A. Johnson
Title: TRANSMISSION AXLE SEAL COVER, LUBRICATION DAM AND ROCK GUARD
Attorney Docket: GP-302177 (8540T-000010)

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 9, 2006, please consider the following: